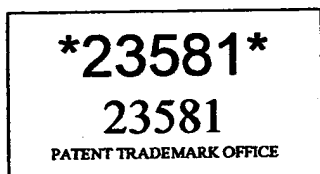


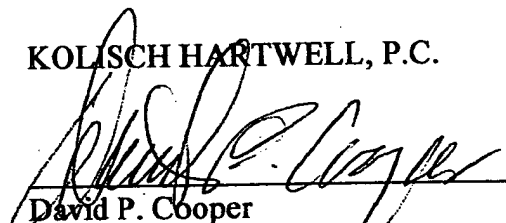
produce a magazine, there is no suggestion in that possible general knowledge to combine that step with the other steps recited in amended claims 1, 13 and 25. Also, there is no suggestion in The Militant to combine the step of producing a computer-network based program with the steps recited in applicant's amended independent claims. With respect to original dependent claims 20 and 21, applicant also contends that there is no suggestion in known educational programs that promote invention to combine that step with those recited in amended claims 1, 13 and 25.

Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested in view of the above-identified amendments and remarks. If there are any questions regarding this matter, please telephone the undersigned.



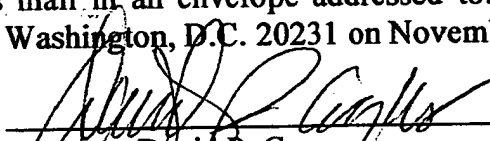
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In the Claims:

1. (Amended) A method of structuring a program for developing in a group of students a set of life management skills, the method comprising:

providing a board to manage the program, the board managing a funding sub-program including coordination of acquiring funds for operating the program from at least one source selected from a group of sponsors, the group including educational institutions, sporting organizations, business organizations, service organizations, recreational organizations, and governmental funding sources;

providing one or more activities for the students, the activities including at least one activity selected from the group of a physical activity and an intellectual activity, the at least one activity made available by at least one source selected from a group of activity providers, the group including educational institutions, sporting organizations, business organizations, service organizations, recreational organizations, and external training providers,

wherein the funding sub-program includes encouraging the students in connection with the activity to purchase goods or services from at least one of the sponsors and activity providers; and

wherein a portion of sales revenues from purchases of goods or services by students are contributed by the sponsors and activity providers to the board for the program; wherein the board manages a youth club sub-program; and wherein the youth club sub-program includes production of a television show.

13. (Amended) A method of structuring a program for developing in a group of students a set of life management skills, the method comprising:

providing a board to manage the program, the board managing a funding sub-program including coordination of acquiring funds for operating the program from at least one source selected from a group of sponsors, the group including educational institutions, sporting organizations, business organizations, service organizations, recreational organizations, and governmental funding sources;

providing one or more activities for the students, the activities including at least one activity selected from the group of a physical activity and an intellectual activity, the at least one activity made available by at least one source selected from a group of activity providers, the group including educational institutions, sporting organizations, business organizations, service organizations, recreational organizations, and external training providers,

wherein a portion of sales revenues from purchases of goods or services by students from the sponsors and the activity providers are to be contributed to the board for the program; and

wherein the funding sub-program includes encouraging the students in connection with the activity to purchase the goods or services of at least one of the sponsors and activity providers; and wherein the board manages a youth club sub-program, and wherein the youth club includes at least one activity selected from the group of producing a television show, publishing a magazine, and producing a computer-network based program.

25. (Amended) A method of structuring a program for developing in a group of students a set of life management skills, the method comprising:

providing a board to manage the program, the board managing a funding sub-program including coordination of acquiring funds for operating the program from at least one source selected from a group of sponsors, the group including educational institutions, sporting organizations, business organizations, service organizations, recreational organizations, and governmental funding sources;

providing a youth club sub-program for the students; and

providing one or more activities for the students, the activities including at least one activity selected from the group of a physical activity and an intellectual activity, the at least one activity made available by at least one source selected from a group of activity providers, the group including educational institutions, sporting organizations, business organizations, service organizations, recreational organizations, and external training providers; and

wherein the youth club sub-program includes at least one activity selected from the group of producing a television show, publishing a magazine, and producing a computer-network based program.